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SUBJECT: VISIT TO UNITED STATES BY L.S. ATANASSIAN,
CHIEF, SECTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, EDUCATION SECTOR,
UNESCO, MARCH 1976

1. L.S. ATANASSIAN, (USSR) NEW CHIEF, SECTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT, PLANNING 12-DAY PROFESSIONAL VISIT TO US COMMENCING PREFERABLY MARCH 8, ALTERNATELY MARCH 15. HE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN COLLABORATION ON PROBLEMS INCLUDED IN WORK PLAN OF SECTION 1.32, UNESCO APPROVED PROGRAM & BUDGET FOR 1975-76 (18 C/5). HE HAS REQUESTED US PERMDEL ASSISTANCE ARRANGING HIS ITINERARY FOR MOST PRODUCTIVE BENEFIT.

2. PURPOSES OF HIS VISIT ARE:

(A) TO STUDY NEW TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY SHORT-CYCLE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS;

(B) TO STUDY THE ADAPTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION " . . .

TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF LIFE-LONG EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY INNOVATIONS AND CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS A RE-
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SULT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW KINDS OF INSTITUTIONS;"

(C) TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE US LIAISON WITH THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, AND SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS US REPRESENTATION AT MEETING OF EXPERTS FOR LIAISON WITH EUROPEAN CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO BE HELD IN BUCHAREST, MAY 25-27, 1976; AND

(D) TO DISCUSS US REPRESENTATION AT MEETING OF EXPERTS ON PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION, METHODS AND TECHNIQUES OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PERSONS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, TO BE HELD IN JULY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

3. ATANASSIAN, A RUSSIAN, HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED TO THIS CHIEF POST DURING REORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION SECTOR. HE HAS CLOSE TIES WITH SIOMA TANGUIANE, ADG FOR EDUCATION. HE IS FAMILIAR WITH HIGHER EDUCATION IN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE, BUT HAS LITTLE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING EDUCATION IN US AND HAS NEVER BEEN IN US. COMMITMENTS AT UNESCO PREVENTED HIM FROM MAKING TRIP IN 1975 AND WILL PREVENT HIM FROM COMING LATER IN 1976. HE PREFERS TO VISIT MARCH 8-19 BUT COULD DELAY UNTIL MARCH 18-26. PREFERS TO LIMIT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA, BUT WOULD TRAVEL TO ANY CITY FOR PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH U.S. EDUCATORS ON TOPICS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2. IN SPITE OF SHORT LEAD TIME, USDEL FEELS IT IN USG BEST INTEREST, AND ENHANCEMENT TO LONG-RANGE EFFECTIVENESS OF PERMDEL, IF ATANASSIAN HAS BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE IN US.

4. HE HAS REQUESTED TO MEET WITH:

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- (A) RUSSELL HEATER, DIRECTOR, IO/UNESCO;
- (B) ROBERT LEESTMA, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, USOE;
- (C) PHILIP AUSTIN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION (POLICY DEVELOPMENT), HEW;
- (D) WILLIAM SHANNON, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES (AACJC);
- (E) JAMES PERKINS, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT;
- (F) PAUL WATSON AND SETH SPAULDING, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH; AND
- (G) ONE OR TWO JUNIOR COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA WITH SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN SHORT-CYCLE EDUCATION.

5. IN ADDITION, US PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT HE COMMENCE ITINERARY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. WITH BRIEFINGS AT USOE. IN ADDITION TO THOSE REQUESTED, PERMDEL RECOMMENDS HE MEET WITH JOHN PHILLIPS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, USOE; WILLIAM PIERCE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION AND SELECTED STAFF; AND DR. STANLEY ESKOW, ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NEW YORK.

6. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS PRIORITY ATTENTION BE GIVEN THIS VISIT AND REQUESTS IT BE NOTIFIED OF (A) CONCURRENCE FOR PLANNING AND SETTING UP ITINERARY AND (B) MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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